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1. VIRTUALLY ALL NARCOTICS INVESTIGATORS IN PHILIPPINES SINCE 1973 HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY DEA INSTRUCTORS OR BY PHILIPPINE INSTRUCTORS TRAINED BY DEA. ABOUT 950 PHILIPPINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED THIS SPECIALIZED DEA TRAINING. AS A RESULT, IN PAST 3 YEARS PRACTICALLY EVERY NARCOTICS ARREST AND SEIZURE IN PHILIPPINES WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY AGENTS TRAINED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY DEA TRAINING DIVISION.

2. IN ADDITION, DEA-TRAINED PHILIPPINE INSTRUCTORS HAVE TRAINED FOUR INDONESIAN POLICCE CAPTAINS AND TWO GUAMANIAN NARCOTICS POLICE IN PAST YEAR AND EXPECT OTHER FOREIGN POLICE TO ATTEND PHILIPPINE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COURSES IN FUTURE.

3. CENTRALIZED STATISTICAL REPORTING OF NARCOTICS ARREST AND SEIZURE FIGURES IS MAINLY A PRODUCT OF DEA TRAINING. MUCH IMPROVEMENT IN THIS SYSTEM IS STILL NEEDED, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF SPEED OF  
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REPORTING, BUT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR

ABOUT A YEAR WHERE NONE EXISTED BEFORE. THE CONSOLIDATED STATISTICS AND CENTRALIZED REPORTS ARE ALSO USED TO MEET ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNFDAC, INTERPOL, AND WHO.

4. ARRESTS: (A) IN OLONGAPO CITY OUTSIDE SUBIC NAVAL BASE, PHILIPPINE NARCOTICS POLICE AND THE CONSTABULARY ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT IN COORDINATION WITH NAVAL INVESTIGATION SERVICE AGENTS, HAVE ARRESTED OVER 3,000 PUSHERS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HARD DRUGS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO BARE MINIMUM: VERY DIFFICULT TO BUY, LOW QUALITY, AND HIGH PRICE. PRIOR TO THE POSITIONING OF SPECIALLY-TRAINED PHILIPPINE POLICE IN OLONGAPO, DRUGS WERE PLENTIFUL AND LOW PRICED. (B) IN ANGELES CITY OUTSIDE CLARK AIR BASE, NARCOTICS POLICE, CANU, AND ASAC AGENTS HAVE EFFECTED OVER 200 ARRESTS DURING PAST YEAR, MANY OF THESE ARRESTS AND SEIZURES IN COORDINATION WITH USAF SECURITY INVESTIGATORS. DEA-TRAINED PHILIPPINE NARCOTICS OFFICERS SHOW PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN COORDINATED OPERATIONS.

5. TWO WEEKS AGO CANU AND OLONGAPO NARCOTICS POLICE MADE CONTROLLED BUY, SEIZED 4 OUNCES OF HEROIN AND ARRESTED INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKER FROM THAILAND. IN JANUARY CANU OFFICER CONVOYED SHIPMENT OF BUDDHA GRASS TO AUSTRALIA AND COORDINATED IN ARREST AND SEIZURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKER. IN FEBRUARY CANU AND AANGELES CITY NARCOTICS POLICE ARRESTED FOREIGN TRAFFICKER, USED HIM AS INFORMANT, AND AFFECTED ARREST OF EIGHT OTHER TRAFFICKERS. CANU IS ALSO COOPERATING IN CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE CONTROLLED BUY FROM HEROIN SOURCE IN HONG KONG.

6. OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEA TRAINING CONTINUE TO BE EAGERLY SOUGHT BY THE MOST COMPETENT PHILIPPINE POLICE AND INVESTIGATIVE AGENTS.  
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